

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A tabletted chewing gum sweet ~~characterised in that it comprises~~comprising at least two integral parts, a first integral part comprising a compressed gum base and a tablet base material, and a second integral part comprising a compressed tablet base material.

Claim 2 (currently amended): A tabletted chewing gum sweet according to claim 1, further comprising at least one additional~~one or more further integral part~~parts which may be made of one of (1) the same material as the first and second integral parts and (2) or of a different material to the first and second integral parts.

Claim 3 (currently amended): A tabletted chewing gum sweet according to claim 1, wherein the integral parts are arranged as two or more layers arranged one of (1) on top of one another, or (2) side by side, or (3) with one integral part is inlaid in another integral part, or and (4) with one integral part is completely enclosed within one or more other integral parts.

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Claim 4 (currently amended): A tabletted chewing gum sweet according to claim 1, wherein ~~when~~ the integral parts are arranged as layers, in which the individual layers are one of the same ~~and/or~~ different thicknesses.

Claim 5 (currently amended): A tabletted chewing gum sweet according to claim 1, wherein the first and second integral parts are formed as ~~consisting of~~ two layers, wherein either layer is thicker than the other.

Claim 6 (original): A tabletted chewing gum sweet according to claim 5 wherein the ratio of thicknesses is from 0.1:1 to 10:1.

Claim 7 (currently amended): A tabletted chewing gum sweet according to claim 5, wherein the first integral part ~~of the tabletted chewing gum sweet according to the invention~~ is thicker than the second integral part in a ratio of from 1.5:1 to 10:1.

Claim 8 (currently amended): A tabletted chewing gum sweet according to claim 1, wherein the tablet base material for both the first and second integral parts is based on one of a sugar ~~or~~ and a polyol.

Claim 9 (currently amended): A tabletted chewing gum sweet according to claim 1, wherein the gum base is a one of a plasticised rubber ~~and~~ polymer which has added texturisers, anti-tacking agents and antioxidants.

Claim 10 (currently amended): A tabletted chewing gum sweet according to claim 1, wherein the tablet base for both the first and second integral parts is one of sucrose, fructose, lactose, dextrose, sorbitol, mannitol, maltitol, xylitol, isomalt, glucose syrup, maltitol syrup ~~or~~ and erithrithol.

Claim 11 (currently amended): A tabletted chewing gum sweet according to claim 1, wherein the particle sizes of the gum base and the tablet base materials of both the first and second integral parts range from 10 microns to 2 mm.

Claim 12 (currently amended): A tabletted chewing gum sweet according to claim 1, wherein in the first integral part ~~of the tabletted chewing gum sweet~~, the gum base is present in an amount of from 5% to 99%.

Claim 13 (currently amended): A tabletted chewing gum sweet according to claim 1, wherein the weight ratio of the first and second integral parts is from 1.5:1 to 10:1.

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Claim 14 (currently amended): A tabletted chewing gum sweet according to claim

1, further comprising at least one of ~~containing~~ a binder, a lubricant, a flavour ~~or~~ and a colour.

Claim 15 (currently amended): A tabletted chewing gum sweet according to claim

1, wherein the first and second integral parts have different colours ~~which provide contrasting effects to give a very distinctive and attractive visual indication of two components.~~

Claim 16 (currently amended): A tabletted chewing gum sweet according to claim

1, said gum sweet having ~~which gives~~ a textural contrast when broken in the mouth of an initial crunchy and then a chewy sensation.

Claim 17 (currently amended): A tabletted chewing gum sweet according to claim

1, further comprising ~~containing~~ an active ingredient.

Claim 18 (currently amended): A tabletted chewing gum sweet according to claim

137 wherein the active ingredient is present in the second part ~~layer~~.

Claim 19 (original): A tabletted chewing gum sweet according to claim 18 wherein the active ingredient is a pharmaceutical, medicated, nutritive or functional ingredient, a dental vehicle or a breath freshener.

Claim 20 (currently amended): A process for the preparation of a tabletted chewing gum sweet ~~according to the invention~~ in a configuration of two layers, the process comprising the following steps:

~~which comprises~~ forming a first integral part by mixing a particulated gum base material with a particulated tablet base material;

forming a second integral part comprising a particulated tablet base material;

feeding one of the integral parts into a tablet press and compressing;

feeding the other integral part into the tablet press and compressing both integral parts in the tablet press to enable the materials of each integral part to bind together and form a tabletted chewing gum sweet having the two integral parts joined together; and

~~finally~~ ejecting the tabletted chewing gum sweet.

Claim 21 (currently amended): A process according to claim 20 wherein the first integral part is fed into the tablet press ~~be fore~~ before the second integral part to give the tabletted chewing gum sweet.

Claim 22 (original): A process according to claim 20 wherein one or more further integral parts which are made of the same material as the first and second integral parts or of a

different material to the first and second integral parts are fed into the tablet press and compressed to form a product with three or more layers.

Claim 23 (currently amended): A process for the preparation of a tabletted chewing gum sweet as claimed in claim 1 in a ~~con-figuration~~configuration of one of the integral ~~part~~parts inlaid in another of the integral ~~part~~parts which comprises the following steps:

feeding one of the integral parts into a tablet press and compressing into a shape having an indentation;

feeding the other integral part into the indentation and compressing both integral parts in the tablet press to enable the materials of each integral part to bind together and form a tabletted chewing gum sweet having the two integral parts joined together; and

~~finally~~ejecting the tabletted chewing gum sweet.

Claim 24 (currently amended): A process according to claim 23, wherein a further integral part is fed into the tablet press and compressed to cover and enclose the compressed integral part in the indentation.

Claim 25 (new): A tabletted chewing gum sweet comprising at least two integral parts of which a first integral part comprises a compressed mixture of particulated gum base material and particulated tablet base material, and a second integral part comprises compressed

particulated tablet base material, said at least two integral parts being arranged as layers on top of one another.

Claim 26 (new): A tabletted chewing gum sweet according to claim 25, wherein the tablet base material used for the first integral part of the tabletted chewing gum sweet contains one of a sugar and a polyol.

Claim 27 (new): A tabletted chewing gum sweet according to claim 26, wherein said one of a sugar and polyol is selected from the group consisting of sucrose, fructose, lactose, dextrose, sorbitol, mannitol, maltitol, xylitol, isomalt, glucose syrup, maltitol syrup or erithrithol.

Claim 28 (new): A tabletted chewing gum sweet according to claim 25, wherein the tablet base material used for said second integral part of the tabletted chewing gum sweet contains one of a sugar and a polyol.

Claim 29 (new): A tabletted chewing gum sweet according to claim 28, wherein said one of a sugar and polyol is selected from the group consisting of sucrose, fructose, lactose, dextrose, sorbitol, mannitol, maltitol, xylitol, isomalt, glucose syrup, maltitol syrup or erithrithol.

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Claim 30 (new): A tabletted chewing gum sweet according to claim 25, wherein said first integral part of the tabletted chewing gum sweet the gum base is present in an amount of from 5% to 99% by weight.

Claim 31 (new): A tabletted chewing gum sweet according to claim 25, wherein in said first integral part of the tabletted chewing gum sweet the gum base is present in an amount of from 30% to 99% by weight.

Claim 32 (new): A tabletted chewing gum sweet according to claim 25, wherein in said first integral part of the tabletted chewing gum sweet the gum base is present in an amount of from 50% to 99% by weight.

Claim 33 (new): A tabletted chewing gum sweet according to claim 25, wherein the two integral parts are arranged as layers.

Claim 34 (new): A tabletted chewing gum sweet according to claim 33, wherein the individual layers are of the same thickness.

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Claim 35 (new): A tabletted chewing gum sweet according to claim 33, wherein one of said layers is thicker than the other, the ratio of thicknesses of said layers being in the range from 0.1:1 to 10:1.

Claim 36 (new): A tabletted chewing gum sweet according to claim 33, wherein the one layer has a colour different to the colour of the other layer.

Claim 37 (new): A tabletted chewing gum sweet according to claim 25, wherein said first integral part has a colour different to the colour of said second integral part.

Claim 38 (new): A tabletted chewing gum sweet according to claim 25, wherein said gum base material and said tablet base material are of particulate materials having particle sizes in the range from 10 microns to 2 mm.

Claim 39 (new) A tabletted chewing gum sweet having several layers, of which layers at least one layer comprises compressed gum base material and at least another layer comprises compressed tablet base material, said one layer having a colour different to the colour of said another layer.

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Claim 40 (new): A tabletted chewing gum sweet according to claim 39, wherein said several layers are arranged on top of one another.

Claim 41 (new): A tabletted chewing gum sweet according to claim 39, wherein the individual layers are of the same thickness.

Claim 42 (new): A tabletted chewing gum sweet according to claim 39, wherein one of said layers is thicker than the other, the ratio of thicknesses of said layers being in the range from 0.1:1 to 10:1.

Claim 43 (new): A tabletted chewing gum sweet according to claim 39, wherein said one layer further comprises a tablet base material.

Claim 44 (new): A tabletted chewing gum sweet according to claim 39, wherein in said one layer the gum base is present in an amount of from 30% to 99% by weight.

Claim 45 (new): A tabletted chewing gum sweet according to claim 39, wherein said gum base material and said tablet base material are of particulate materials having particle sizes in the range from 10 microns to 2 mm.

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Claim 46 (new): A tabletted chewing gum sweet having several layers, of which layers at least one layer comprises compressed particulated gum base material and at least another layer comprises compressed particulated tablet base material, the particle sizes of said particulated gum base material and of said particulated tablet base material being in the range from 10 microns to 2 mm.

Claim 47 (new): A tabletted chewing gum sweet according to claim 46, wherein said several layers are arranged on top of one another.

Claim 48 (new): A tabletted chewing gum sweet according to claim 46, wherein the individual layers are of the same thickness.

Claim 49 (new): A tabletted chewing gum sweet according to claim 46, wherein one of said layers is thicker than the other, the ratio of thicknesses of said layers being in the range from 0.1:1 to 10:1.

Claim 50 (new): A tabletted chewing gum sweet according to claim 46, wherein said one layer further comprises a tablet base material.

Claim 51 (new): A tabletted chewing gum sweet according to claim 46, wherein in said one layer the gum base is present in an amount of from 30% to 99% by weight.

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Claim 52 (new): A tabletted chewing gum sweet according to claim 46, wherein said one layer has a colour different to the colour of said another layer.

Claim 53 (new): A chewing gum tablet having at least two layers of compressed particulated materials arranged with the layers on top of one another, at least one of said layers comprising gum base material, and at least another of said layers having a colour different to the colour of said one of said layers.

Claim 54 (new): A chewing gum tablet according to claim 53, wherein the particle sizes of said particulated materials are in the range from 10 microns to 2 mm.

Claim 55 (new): A chewing gum tablet according to claim 53, wherein the individual layers are of the same thickness.

Claim ⁵⁶~~54~~ (new): A chewing gum tablet according to claim 53, wherein one of said layers is thicker than the other, the ratio of thicknesses of said layers being in the range from 0.1:1 to 10:1.

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Claim ~~55~~ (new): A chewing gum tablet according to claim 53, wherein in said one layer the gum base is present in an amount of from 5% to 99% by weight.

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Claim ~~56~~ (new): A chewing gum tablet according to claim 53, wherein in said one layer the gum base is present in an amount of from 30% to 99% by weight.

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Claim ~~57~~ (new): A chewing gum tablet according to claim 53, wherein in said one layer the gum base is present in an amount of from 50% to 99% by weight.

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Claim ~~58~~ (new): A chewing gum tablet according to claim 53 and consisting of two layers.

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Claim ~~59~~ (new): A chewing gum tablet according to claim 53 and containing a pharmaceutical ingredient.

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Claim ~~60~~ (new): A chewing gum tablet according to claim 53 and containing a medicated ingredient.

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Claim ~~61~~ (new): A chewing gum tablet according to claim 53 and containing a nutritive ingredient.

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Claim ~~61~~ (new): A chewing gum tablet according to claim 53 and containing a functional ingredient.

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Claim ~~62~~ (new): A chewing gum tablet according to claim 53 and containing a dental vehicle.

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Claim ~~63~~ (new): A chewing gum tablet according to claim 53 and containing a breath freshener.

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Claim ~~64~~ (new): A chewing gum tablet according to claim 53, wherein said one layer further comprises a tablet base material containing one of a sugar and a polyol.

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Claim ~~65~~ (new): A chewing gum tablet according to claim 64, wherein said one of a sugar and polyol is selected from the group consisting of sucrose, fructose, lactose, dextrose, sorbitol, mannitol, maltitol, xylitol, isomalt, glucose syrup, maltitol syrup or erithrithol.

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Claim ~~66~~ (new): A chewing gum tablet according to claim 53, wherein said another layer comprises a tablet base material containing one of a sugar and a polyol.

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Claim ~~67~~ (new): A chewing gum tablet according to claim 66, wherein said one of a
sugar and polyol is selected from the group consisting of sucrose, fructose, lactose, dextrose,
sorbitol, mannitol, maltitol, xylitol, isomalt, glucose syrup, maltitol syrup or erithrithol.